Tobacco Auction

800. DR.Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether tobacco auctions picked up in Andhra Pradesh in June, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total production of tobacco *in* Andhra Pradesh this year; and

(c!) how much of this production has been auctioned, so far?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantities of FCV tobacco marketed every month in the current auctions in Andhra Pradesh are as follows:

February, 2000	0.08 M.Kgs.
March, 2000	0.14'M.Kgs.
April, 2000	1.46 M.Kgs.
May, 2000	15.26 M.Kgs.
June, 2000	23.90 M.Kgs.
July, 2000	26.79 M.Kgs.(upto 26.7.2000)

(c) The estimated total production of FCV tobacco in Andhra Pradesh this year is 138.68 M.Kgs.

(d) A total quantity of 67.63 M.Kgs. has been marketed as on 26.7.2000.

Rising trend in Export

801. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the areas where exports have taken a rising trend during the last six months;

(b) if so, the extent of increase;

(c) whether Government initiatives have helped in further boosting the export; and

(d) the areas where the export performance is showing a negative trend with details?